

FOR MYSORE STATE

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Development (195³) Department.

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Dated 15-5-53.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Land development - Malnad - South Kanara Malnad
Forest Officer - deputation to Minister for
Agriculture - report recorded



K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA, M.L.A.
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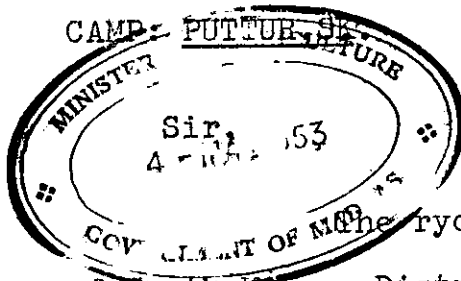
PUTTUR,
SOUTH KANARA.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

Date 16. 2. 1953.

The Hon'ble R. Naganna Gowda, M.Sc., P.H.D.
Minister for Agriculture,
Government of Madras.

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The ryots in forest areas of the Malnad
of South Kanara District, urge the grant of the follow-
ing among other concessions by the Government.

1. The forest boundary must be pushed back to atleast half a mile from cultivable or cultivated lands.
2. A further half a mile belt area should be kept free and clear of all ~~make~~ ^{new} vegetation so as not to afford protection and shelter to wild animals.
3. The imaginary kumki rights of Reserve Forest (buffer area) should be abolished.
4. Levy of grazing fees should be stopped.
5. The hunting and killing of wild animals capable of damaging crops, excepting elephants which are not classed as rogue ones, should be allowed without recourse to previous permission either individually or collectively.

6. Lands inside Reserve Forests which are suitable for cultivation of either food or commercial crops should be made available as on darkhast.
7. The use of water sources by digging channels, rights of way, opening of roads within Reserve Forests must be allowed free of charges.
8. All forest materials like stones, timber, bamboos, canes, fuel should be granted free of charges for bona-fide domestic and agricultural purposes.
9. Liberal grant of gun licences.
10. Forest staff should be made responsible for stopping depredations of wild animals like elephants and tigers etc.

Puttur
16.2.1953.

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Deputation to meet at
1.30 PM on 24.3.53
From, Messrs. K. Venkataranana Gowda, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,
Puttur. South Kanara, *AK 28-861*
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Manjappa Shetty, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,
Kundapore, South Kanara.

Hon'ble Dr R. Nagan Gowda, M.Sc., Ph.D.,
Minister for Agriculture of Forests,
Government of Madras,
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Deputation re: Forest Grievances of ryots of the Malnad
areas of South Kanara.

Recently, youf toured the forest areas of Malnad in
Puttur and Kundapore Taluks of South Kanara District. In
the course of the tour, ryots residing in forest areas
met you in large numbers and represented the time-old
forest grievances for ⁴your sympathetic consideration. You were
also pleased to inspect certain forest-sites to satisfy yourself
regarding the various points raised by them. The assurance given
by you, that, you would examine the problem and try to solve them
as far as possible, has given the Malnad ryots great satisfaction.

A glance at the copies of memorandum submitted by the
ryots in all places of your visit will show the innumerable
difficulties they are under-going on account of the severity
with which the forest laws are administered. At the same ^{time} ^{are} we not
prepared to ignore the importance of forest wealth to the country.
But, the fact, that, forests exist for the people and the
imperative need to cater to their facilities is not to be
forgotten. We, therefore, urge you to bestow your attention
to the grant of only the following few of the demands.

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1. ✓ Grant on ^{lease} ~~base~~ of lands suitable for cultivation of food crops inside reserve forests.

Lands within reserve forests fit for cultivation have been shown to you. These patches of land are only cultivated lands in the past. There is perennial supply of water in them. Having been continually under cultivation no trees can flourish in them. But, perhaps, shrubs may have grown. Even according to Government figures there are 30,000 acres of such land within Government reserve forests. The District of South Kanara is deficit in food by 20,000 tons of rice. These 30,000 acres of land, if brought into cultivation can give immediately at least 15,000 tons of rice without any large outlay, because, they are all level lands. In the Malnad too population has increased considerably, and, the surplus population is earnest to find food. Under these conditions, Government should help the people by permitting to cultivate fallow lands lying idle. This will also serve as a step to augment the finances of Government.

2. Reserve forest Boundaries to be pushed back by one furlong from all cultivated lands.

In the Malnad areas ryots are unable to reap the full benefits of their hard labour. Cultivated lands require proper ventilation and sunshine for the growth of crops. It becomes necessary to cut and burn the forest growth to a distance of 100 yards at least from cultivated lands. This is also helpful in as much as it prevents the havoc caused to the crops from depredations of wild animals, infection by pests, and malaria. This is a special and additional burden on all cultivators in the Malnad areas. The main uniform requirement of the ryots in all places is the 100 yards kumki right to cultivated lands for purposes of domestic and cultivation needs, namely, fuel, green manure etc.

Thus, it is seen, that, 200 yards or a furlong belt beyond cultivated lands requires to be allowed to cultivators for pursuit of agriculture. At present, as you have personally seen and satisfied yourself, in most places in the Malnad, alignment of reserve boundaries runs more or less touching the cultivated lands. There is gross injustice following from this, and therefore, realignment of reserve boundaries should be made leaving a belt of at least one furlong from cultivated lands. A step in this direction will ease the situation and an increased ^{yield} of crop by 30 percent may be assured.

3. Kurki rights to reserve forests (buffer area of 100 yards belt to be abolished).

According to the present practice, on a 100 yards belt beyond the reserve boundary, the forest officials exercise their rights. Ryots can have no access to this area. This helps none but wild animals to take shelter under. Very often these belt areas happen to be fit for cultivation, but, they are denied of its use. The forest officials should not exercise any authority on lands beyond the reserves. In other words, the system of buffer area should be abolished.

4. ^{Permission} Perucession for Kurri cultivation in the reserve forests.

Cultivation of paddy, ragi, and other grains in the forest slopes by burning shrubs with out detriment to standing trees has been the practice of the people, especially of Malekudiyas and Kudubig, the aboriginal hill tribes of South Kanara. This was called "Kurri cultivation". After the advent of forest reservation policy of Government, such people have been thrown out of their legitimate means of livelihood by banning the age-long practice of Kurri cultivation. The picturesque hill tribes as said above are slowly getting extinguished. There is need to permit this Kurri cultivation in the forest slopes.

5. Issue of free permits to ryots on a permanent basis for the use of water from forest streams.

6. Allowing rights of way and alignment of cart-tracts within reserve forests.

7. Relaxing the existing rules so as to liberalise the grant of timber and fuel required for bonafide domestic and agricultural purposes.

These points are self-explanatory. The ryots have virtual need for these ^{facilities} ~~demands~~. Though some relaxation of rules is made, the procedure is cumbersome. In such instances speedy action is necessary.

We would, therefore, request you to kindly consider the demands submitted above in the best interest of the ryots in forest areas.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

Camp: Legislature Hostel
Government Estate,
Mount Road,
MADRAS.

Dated 20th March 1953.

K. Venkatarmananayanda P.L.A.
J. Narayanaswamy H.L.A.

Dev. (P&D I) Dept.

D.O.No.25568 P&D I/53- 3 dated 28-3-1953.

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Sub:- Malnad Development - South Kanara
Malnad - Forest Grievances - Deputation
to M. (Agri.)

Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A. and
Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty, B.A., B.L., M.L.A., will meet
M.(Agri.) on deputation to represent the Forest
Grievances of ryots of the Malnad areas of South
Kanara Dt. A copy each of the petitions presented
to M.(Agri.) is enclosed. M.(Agri.) will receive the
deputation on 2nd April at 3 P.M. in his room at the
Secretariat. The Minister desires that you should also
be present when he receives the deputation. I am
accordingly to request you to make it convenient to
present at the time when the deputation meets M.(Agri.)

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To
✓ Sri V.V.Subramanian, I.C.S.,
C.C.F., Madras.

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Letter No. 25568-P. & D, I/53-4 dated 31-3-1953.

To: Sri K. Venkatarmana Gowda, M.L.A.
Government Estate, Mount Road.,

Sri Y. Manjappa Shetty, M.L.A.,
Government Estate, Mount Road.

Sir,

Sub:-Malnad Development-South Kanara Malnad-
Forest Grievances-Deputation to the
Minister for Agriculture.

Ref:-Your representation to the Minister for
Agre. dated 20-3-1953.

I am directed to inform you that the Minister
for Agriculture will receive ~~you~~ the deputation at
3 p.m. on 2-4-1953 in his room at the Secretariat.

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Forest Department
From (Name)
Sri V. V. Subramanian, I.C.S.,
Designation
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Station Madras-6.

Received
To



The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Port St. George, Madras.

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Enclosures :

No. 7694/53-D1

dated 22nd Apr. 1953.

24-4-53

Sir,

Sub: Malnad Development - South Kanara Malnad
Forest Grievances - Deputation to Minister
(Agriculture) Discussion on 2-4-53 - Report
regarding.

Ref: D.O.No.25568 P&DI/53-3 Development dt.28-3-53
from the Secretary, Development Department.
Govt.Memo.No.25568 P&DI/53-5 Development
dated 20-4-53.

I submit below a brief report showing the earlier
decisions reached in regard to the Forest Grievances
of the ryots of South Kanara, Malnad.

2 Several representations were made in the past,
from 1929 onwards, on behalf of the ryots of South
Kanara, for the grant of various concessions relating
to Forest. Several Memoranda were also submitted
to Government by certain prominent citizens of the
district, for the development of the Malnad areas of
South Kanara. The first memorandum of forest grievances
was submitted in 1929 by Sri K.R.Karant Member of the
Legislative Council from South Kanara. The grievances
represented on the Memorandum were mainly under the
following heads:-

- (1) Proximity of forests to dwelling places and
cultivated lands;
- (2) Requests for facilities for cultivation;
- (3) Grazing concessions.
- (4) Loss of cattle and crops due to depredations
from wild animals.
- (5) Pressure on cultivation and water sources by
Forest Administration.
- (6) ^{Admission} Administration of right of way through
Reserved Forests.
- (7) Removal of lantana growths.
- (8) Revival of Kumri (Shifting) cultivation.
- (9) Introduction of panchayat system etc. etc.

3 A note on these and various other matters raised
by Sri Karant was submitted to Government in Chief
Conservator's Ref.No.9145/29-C2-3 dated 17-1-1930 and
orders were passed by Government in G.O.No.MS.1189

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Development dated 10-6-1930. In 1931 another representation was made to the Government by the members of the District Advancement Association, South Kanara requesting grant of similar concessions. A report was submitted to Government in Chief Conservator's Ref.No.2072/C1/31 dated 1-8-1931. After careful consideration of the several requests of the memorialists, the Government passed orders in G.O.No.1563 MS Development dated 27-10-1931. It will be seen from these orders that all practical measures possible were taken to remedy the grievances. There was a lull for some time. In 1948 the matter was re-opened by the Karnataka Malnad Development ~~Society~~ Society, New Delhi with the Government of India. In view of the importance of developing the Malnad areas, the Government of India held at New Delhi on 10-7-49 a Conference of the representatives of the States presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, New Delhi. On the recommendations of the Conference, the Govt. of India appointed a Central Malnad Planning Committee to draw up a comprehensive plan for the development of Malnad areas situated in the States of Madras, Bombay, Mysore and Coorg. This Committee visited Madras in November 1950 and held discussions with the Secretary to Government, Heads of Departments and Hon'ble Ministers concerned with Malnad Development.

⁴ On the representations of the Karnataka Malnad Development Society, the South Kanara Landholders' Association and others, the Govt. of Madras in G.O.MS.No.1420 Development dated 10-4-1950 constituted a Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee to examine the following problems among others and submit a short term plan for the development of the Malnad area:

- (1) Disreservation of forest land for cultivating food crops under the Grow More food campaign without prejudice to sound forest administration.
- (2) Protection of crops from wild animals.
- (3) Control of Malaria.
- (4) Provision of more educational facilities.
- (5) Improvement of the material conditions of the people.

⁵ This Committee submitted a detailed report to Government setting out several recommendations for the development of the Malnad areas. All the points raised in the Committee's report were exhaustively dealt with in Chief Conservator's reports to Government - in Chief Conservator's D.O.No.19638/50-D1 dated 12-11-1950. The several recommendations of the Committee were reviewed

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and final orders passed by the Government in G.O.MS.No.159, Development dated 18-1-52 and G.O.MS.No.1901 Development dated 1-5-1952. It will be seen from these orders that wherever possible Government have accepted the recommendations of the Grievances Committee. With reference to the orders on recommendations of the Committee regarding use of water sources in Reserved Forests and right of way, a further report has been submitted to Government in Chief Conservator's Ref.No.4859/52-D1 dated 29-1-1953 on which Government orders are awaited. As regards liberalization of existing rules regarding supply of fuel and timber to the villagers of South Kanara, the Government ordered that there was no need to liberalise the rules - vide G.O.MS.No.4816 Development dated 11-11-52. The deputationists may be asked to refer up individual cases of hardship. They will be considered on merits, as sympathetically as possible, consistent with the interests of forest protection.

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for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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TO
 Sri K. Varadarajan Gondle, M.L.A.,
 Puttur, South Kanara Dt.

Y. Manjappa Shetty, M.L.A.,
 Condepor, South Kanara Dt.

Re:

Subj: - Malnad. servt. - South Kanara
 Malnad - Forest grievances
 objection to M. (Agr).

Ref: Your representation to
 M. (Agr) dt 20-3-52.

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I am directed to state that
 the Govt. have already considered
 the grievances of the people of South
 Kanara Malnad relating to forests
 and have passed orders consistent
 with the interests of forest protection.
 The requests regarding the use of
 water sources and the rights of
 way in the reserved forests are
 under the consideration of Govt.
 Individual cases of hardship, if
 any, will be considered by Govt.
 on their merits.

Y. F.

copy to C.C.F. / 2/6/52

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Most of the representations and Memorials presented to me to the public several villages in South Kanara and

Puttur taluks during my recent tour to Malnad districts.

more or less similar points mentioned in Mr. K. Venkataramana

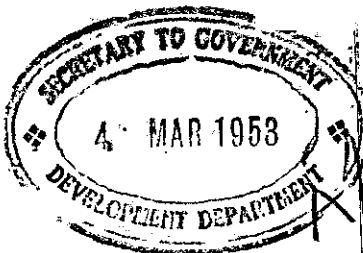
Gowda. M.L.A., which is kept below. Anyone who visits this part

at first sight feels that he is in South Kashmir and at

the same time feels that the people still have

some long-felt needs to be fulfilled. Some of them may be

examined



(Agri.)

To A.S.

Dev. (P & D.I) Dept.

The representations and memorials presented to the Minister (Agri) during his tour in South Kanara Dist.

may be perused. Several other representations received in Kannada have been sent to the Senior Translator to Govt., for furnishing a gist of the representations, and they are awaited.

2. The representation submitted by Sri K. Venkataraman Gowda, M.L.A., and Mr. Y. Manjappa, M.L.A., South Kanara since (Agri) on pp. 27-30 cf. and the minutes of M. (Agri) at 'A' on p. 27 cf., stating that the Deputationist will meet M. (Agri) at 1-30 p.m. on 24-3-1953. may be perused.

3. The following are the points mentioned in the representation made by the deputationists:

- (1) Grant on lease of lands suitable for cultivation of food crops inside Reserve Forests;
- (2) Reserve Forest boundaries to be pushed back by one furlong from all cultivated lands;
- (3) Kumki rights to Reserve Forests (buffer area of 100 yards belt) to be abolished;
- (4) Permission for Kumki cultivation in the Reserve Forests;
- (5) Permission to ryots on a permanent basis for the use of water from forest streams;
- (6) Allowing rights of way and alignment of cart-tracks within Reserve Forests;

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- (7) Relaxing the existing rules so as to liberalise the grant of timber and fuel required for bonafide domestic and agricultural purposes;
- (8) A further half-a-mile belt area should be kept free and clear of all rank vegetation so as ~~to be~~ not to afford protection and shelter to wild animals;
- (9) Levy of grazing fees should be stopped;
- (10) The hunting and killing of wild animals capable of damaging crops, excepting elephants which are not ~~classified~~ as rogue ones, should be allowed without recourse to previous permission either individually or collectively;
- (11) Liberal grant of gun licences; and
- (12) Forest staff should be made responsible for stopping depredations of wild animals like elephants and tigers etc.

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Mem 9, p 1 CF

Mem 10, p 1 CF

It may be stated in this connection that the

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Govt. constituted a Committee consisting of officials

and non-officials called the Forest Grievances

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Enquiry Committee, South Kanara to investigate the

areas in South Kanara Dist. and to suggest the

measures required to solve them. The recommendations

of that Committee were examined in consultation with the

Heads of Depts. concerned and orders have been passed.

A copy of the main recommendations made by the

Committee and orders passed thereon is put up at 100.

The points raised by the members of the Committee are

examined below:

(1) Above. The Forest Grievance Enquiry

Committee recommended that statutory provisions may

be made to permit long term occupations of the

cultivable land in the existing Forest reserves for

about 20 years. It was recommended that no area

could be released for food crop production without

affecting the growth and development of the

forests. It did not agree with the recommendations

of the Committee. The views of the C.C.E. were

accepted and orders issued accordingly.

Item 6 on p. 1 above, Enquiry Committee

has made the following recommendations:

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(1) The Forest Department should clear outright upto a distance of 100 yds. from the private buildings cutting and disposing of all the standing trees and jungle growth thereon:

(2) The strip so cleared should be assigned permanently by the Revenue Department to the adjoining pattadar or pattadars.

(3) The further strip of 100 yds. should be kept unassigned as a buffer between the private holding and reserved forest. Ryots should however be permitted to clear the scrub and undergrowth on it and further on in the Reserved Forest itself upto a maximum total distance of half a mile from the original patta holding subject to the restrictions contained in the Notification issued in 1922 as amended in Chief Conservator of Forests Routine No.762/47, dated 5-9-1947.

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The C.C.F. stated that a considerable extent of the more accessible and workable part of the Reserve Forests containing valuable ~~timber~~ timber will be lost permanently by a general disreservation of the 100 yards belt. While disagreeing with this general policy of disreservation, he had no objections very exceptional cases of hardship being considered individually provided such cases were few and all other remedies were exhausted. He did not agree to the assignment of 100 yards belt or strip, as this would bound to result in the extension of cultivation and further demands for the settling of the boundary and would not in ~~any~~ any way mitigate the evils arising from malaria and wild animals. He stated that the existing concessions granted by the Forest Dept. are adequate. The C.C.F.'s views were accepted and the Committee's recommendations negatived.

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Item (3) on p.1 above.

Item 1, 57 CF

Khaki lands are Govt. Forest lands in which certain privileges have been admitted under 7(a) of the General Rules for the management of Reserved

and ~~unreserved~~ lands framed under Section 26 of the Madras Forests Act (printed at p.111 of the Madras Forest Manual Vol.I). The cultivator of a land to which kumaki privileges are attached enjoys free of charge such privileges as grazing cattle or cutting and removing trees, timber and other forest produce ^{except} ~~except~~ certain reserved trees, provided the forest produce is used for agricultural or domestic purposes. The Collector may also sanction gifts of trees and timber etc. to temples for building purposes. The Kumakies are intended primarily ~~the~~ to benefit agriculture and should therefore be conserved as forest. The C.C.F. has reported that unauthorised encroachments and destruction of the forest are continually being made even within the 100 yards ^{buffer belt} ~~belt~~ of the Reserved forests. He has stated that in almost all cases what has happened is that seeds of areca, casnew or jack are sown scattered and allowed to grow unnoticed by local subordinates and after some ten years or so a claim is established in favour of assignment on the ground that the improvements made are valuable. In the last 25 years or so very many assignments have thus been made resulting in the disappearance of the kumakies. In the circumstances no action seems called for on this request.

Item (4) on p.1 above.

The Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee recommended that a general revival of Kumari System of Cultivation as or hold is apart from its being detrimental to the interests of the forests, unworkable for all practical purposes. The Committee's recommendation was accepted.

Item (5) on p.1 above.

The D.F.O., S.Kanara reported that annual permits are granted for digging tanks or water channels in the R.Fs. and diversion of water from them by the ryots under Sec. 21 of the Forest Act. A nominal rent is levied based on the extent of land irrigated by the water diversion,

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and in cases in which only diversion of water from natural sources without any necessity of digging tanks or channels inside the R.F.S. is required, permission ~~is~~ is granted by the collector,. Apart from the rent, a security deposit of Rs.50/- is also taken from each permit holder when he wants to dig tanks in the RFS. No application for digging tanks and diversion of water inside the RFS is refused except when the adjoining land holders object to such grants on the ground of stoppage of natural flow of water to their lands. ^{Report has been made -} There have ~~no~~ been complaints so far from the ryots that their applications for water diversion have been rejected. As the right of digging tanks and water diversions inside the RFS gives the permit holder and his men access to the RFS at any time throughout the period, the D.F.O. considered that it is not advisable in the interest of Forest Administration to grant permits permanently without any actual check and without the levy of an annual rent. The Consvr.. ~~the~~ Ootacamund Circle. recommended that the existing practice regarding the use of water in the RFS may continue. The Collr. of S.Kanara reported that the existing rates for the use of water are not high. that it is not desirable to give free permits on a permanent basis. that on the other hand the annual renewal of these permits leads to much unnecessary work in several offices without any corresponding advantage. that it is also troublesome to the parties and that therefore the permits may be made valid for a period of five years at a time. The Board of Revenue and the C.C.F. have agreed with the Collr. This Dept. have proposed to accept the above recommendations. ^{The views of Revenue are awaited.} Item (6) on p.1 above.

The Dist. Forest Officer, S.Kanara stated that these privileges ~~are~~ governed ~~under~~ annual permits issued under Sec. 21 of the Forest Act. In the case of Public bodies like Village Panchayat, Dist. Bds.. permits are granted free of rent renewable every year. as the right of ~~use~~ ^{and} in such cases are in the nature of public utility. In regard to private individuals, for their domestic or commercial

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use permits are issued every year on payment of rent. The Conservator reported that it is not advisable to grant the ~~Concessions~~ concessions regarding the right of way in the reserved forests permanently without any check. (As there are valuable trees on either side of cart tracks or roads through which the roads pass as also the ownership of these leased premises vests with the Forest Dept. The Collr. S. Kanara has reported that it is not desirable to invite applications from the public and to re-open the general questions of rights of way in reserved forests. In cases where there are real hardships, each individual case may be considered on its merits, as indiscriminate grant of rights of way in the RFS will defeat the main object of the Reserved Forests. The Board of Rev. and the C.C.F. agreed with the Collr. This Dept. have proposed to accept the above recommendations. ~~The removal of Rev. Lands from the reserved~~

Item (7) on p. 2 above.

One of the recommendations made by the Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee was that the existing rules regarding the grant of timber and fuel required for bonafide domestic and agricultural purposes may be liberalised. The C.C.F. who was consulted in the matter reported that timber and fuel were available at concessional rates and that the existing concessions were not availed by many of the ryots as there was plenty of fuel in their own Kunkki and patta lands and that the villagers were misusing some of the concessions. He was therefore not in favour of relaxation of the existing rules. He however recommended that softwood required for boat making might be sold to the poor ryots and fishermen at a concessional rate of 12 annas per c.ft. on production of a certificate from an officer of the Rev. Dept. not below the rank of a Tahsildar Deputy Tahsildar or from the Asst. Director of Fisheries as the case may be. The Govt. accepted the recommendations of the C.C.F. and passed orders accordingly vide G.O. 4816-Dev dated 11-11-1932.

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Item (8) on p.2 above.

Please see note under item (2) on pp²⁻³ above.

Item (9) on p.2 above.

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The Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee also made the same recommendation. The C.C.F. has stated that the existing grazing fee of 3 annas per cow or bull and 5 annas per buffalo for the privilege of grazing for the whole year is very low and is already a concessional rate granted by Govt.. It is therefore not in favour of allowing free grazing, which will involve the loss of an annual revenue of about Rs.10,000/- The suggestion of the Committee was accordingly negatived.

Items (11) on p.2 above.

The Forest Grievances

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Enquiry Committee made several recommendations with a view to liberalise the issue of gun licences, organisation of hunting parties etc.-please see ^{Items} 1 to 10 on pp.23-24 cf. G.O.Ms.No.1901 Dev. dated 1-5-1952. The Govt. have examined the recommendations in consultation with the Board of Rev. and the C.C.F. and considered no action necessary on the recommendation except in regard to the increase of rewards and organising hunting parties. As regards ~~the~~ increasing the scales of rewards, the Govt. directed ^{no} that officers to be liberal in granting rewards ~~not~~ within the prescribed maximum rates. As regards the organisation of hunting parties, the Govt. agreed with the recommendation of the Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee, provided that hunting parties are organised with the approval of the Collector.

Item 10, p.25
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Items (10) and (12) on p.2 above. Informations on these

points are not available, as these are new points raised. The C.C.F. and the Board of Rev. may be asked to report on these points. For orders.

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however not practicable
the suggestion is item (10) may be
referred to C.C.F. & the Bd for remarks.

It may also be mentioned in this connection that both Muns. Venkataramma Gowda & Manjappa Shetty have given

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notice of questions regarding the recommendations of the four members enquiry committee sent to Karama and other officers taken there. They are being noted upon.

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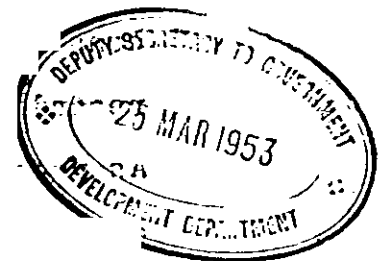
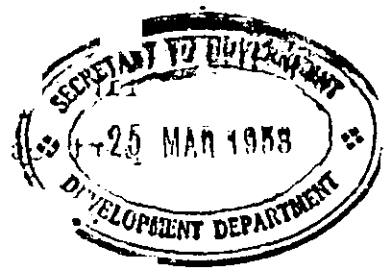
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I should like to see the CC of the matter in the departmental file. Having an idea of the spirit of the matter.



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TO A.D.

The C.C.F. will be back from his tour on 30-3-1953 or only. It is for consideration whether 3-4-1953 will be fixed for receiving the deputation. The file may be circulated to M. (Agri.) for fixing the time and place for receiving the deputation.

Copy to do. W. C. F. as instructed. Separately. 25/3

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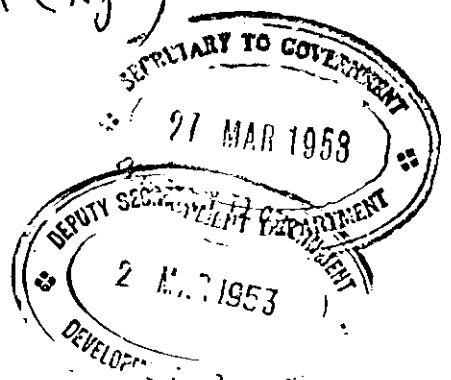
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To AS

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To AS

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the date and the time fixed to meet them
by M (Agr) A draft letter is submitted
below for approval

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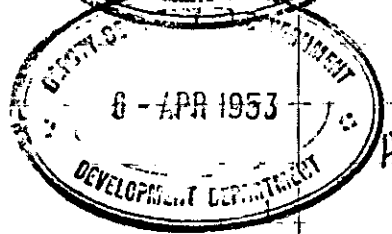
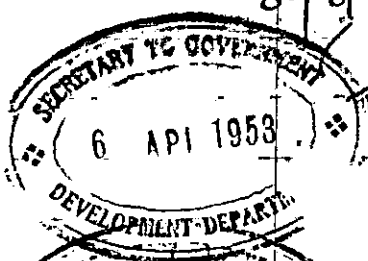
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The C.C.F. will advise

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B (signed) Note

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Await to till 14.4.1953.

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To A.S.

The C.C.F. ^{report} has not been received yet. It may be
submitted now since A draft. recommends to the C.C.F. is submitted
below for approval.

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Development (P&D I) Department.

To A.S.

This file deals with the representation submitted to M (Agri) by Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A. and Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty, M.L.A., regarding the forest grievances of the ryots of South Kanara Malnad. All the points mentioned in the representation made by the deputationists have been examined in detail at pages 1-7 above. As all practical measures possible have already been taken to remedy these grievances, no action was considered necessary on all these grievances except the one relating to the hunting and killing of wild animals capable of damaging crops without recourse to previous permission either individually or collectively. It was proposed to call for the remarks of the Board of Revenue and the C.C.F. on this suggestion. However, the whole matter was discussed by M (Agri) with the deputationists at 3 p.m. on 2-4-1953. The C.C.F. was also present during the discussion. M. (Agri) minuted that the C.C.F. ~~will~~ would send a note in the matter. The report of the C.C.F. which is at pages 2x 35-37 c.f. may be perused. The Chief Conservator has traced the history of the Malnad Movement in South Kanara District from the year 1929 onwards down to the present day and stated that whatever possible has already been done by Government to redress the forest grievances of the ryots of South Kanara Malnad. In view of this the C.C.F. has not offered any specific remarks on the various points raised by the deputationists at pages 27-30 c.f. As regards the use of water sources in Reserved Forests and rights of way, the C.C.F. has invited the attention to his report already submitted to Government. Finally he has recommended that the deputationists may be asked to refer up individual cases of hardship so that they may be considered on merits, as sympathetically as possible, consistent with the interests of forest

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protection. It is submitted that the suggestions contained in his report regarding the use of water sources and right of way in the Reserve Forests are being examined separately in this ^{dept.} report in consultation with the other departments concerned. Please see the notes under items 5 and 6 on pages 4-6 above. In these circumstances the file may be circulated for orders whether the ~~the~~ C.C.F.'s view at 'Y' ^{in p. 10} above may be accepted and the deputationists informed accordingly.

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The file may be circulated for orders

whether the deputationists may be informed that the Govt. have already considered the grievances of the people of South Kanara Malnad relating to forests & have passed orders consistent with the interests of forest protection, that their requests regarding the use of water sources and the right of way in the reserved forests are under consideration of the Govt. and that individual cases of hardship, if any, will be considered by the Govt. on their merits.

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To AP

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A draft letter to P. M. K.

Verkaarmanan Gorder, M.L.A. and Sri Y. Manjanna
Shetty, M.L.A. is submitted below for approval.

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To AP
Orders at A above:-
No further action is necessary
in this file. The papers may be recorded
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